



RECEIVED
JAN 07 2004
TC 1700

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Services as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit:

Jan 2, 2004

By:

James E. Bradley

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
Ross A. Benson et al.

DOCKET NO. TA-00455

SERIAL NO.: 09/973,208

EXAMINER: Barbara J. Musser

FILED: 10/09/2001

GROUP ART UNIT: 1733

TITLE: Co-Bonded Joint with Z-Pins

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed October 8, 2003, please amend the claims as set forth below:

02/05/2004 TWOODRUF 00000001 500259 09973208

01 FC:1202 18.00 DA

x The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50-0259(0408RF.045511) Bracewell & Patterson.

January 2, 2004
Date:

James E. Bradley
James E. Bradley
Registration 27,536

BRACEWELL & PATTERSON
P.O. Box 61389
Houston, Texas 77208-1389
Tel: (713)221-3301
Fax: (713)222-3287